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DURING THE COURSE OF A MEETING ON JANUARY 3 WITH FONMIN LUCIO PAREDES, HE COMMENTED APROPOS OF NOTHING IN PARTICULAR ON THE GOVERNMENT OF PRESIDENT RODRIGUEZ LARA. HE SAID THAT WHILE MOST GOVERNMENTS BEGIN TO LOSE THEIR ENERGIES AFTER TWO YEARS, THE RODRIGUEZ GOVERNMENT WAS HEALTHY AND VIGOROUS AS IT APPROACHED THE FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARY OF ITS THREE YEARS IN POWER. REFERRING TO THE PRESIDENT'S MORE RECENT APPEARANCES IN BOTH GUAYAQUIL AND QUITO, LUCIO PAREDES SAID THAT HE WAS BEING RECEIVED WITH INCREASING PUBLIC ENTHUSIASM AND THAT IN HIS VISITS TO PLACES LIKE LOJA AND CARCHI PROVINCES HE HAD BEEN WELCOMED. HE MENTIONED THE PRESIDENT'S RECENT DINNER FOR NEWSPAPER REPORTERS, AND SAID THEY HAD ALL ATTENDED-- SOMETHING THAT WOULD NOT HAVE OCCURRED IF THEY DID NOT THINK THE PRESIDENT WAS DOING A GOOD JOB, AND IF THERE WERE NOT "FREEDOM OF THE PRESS".
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